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# Weather Restrictions: Acrylic Sealer for Asphalt Driveways

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Connect to your favourite weather forecaster and look for the following conditions:

Category: Asphalt    Product: Acrylic sealer for Asphalt Driveways  
Temperature Limitations: Above +10 C (+50 F) and below +30 C (+85 F)  
Rain Limitations: No rain for 24 hours  
Wind Limitations: n/a  
Humidity Limitations: n/a  
Continuous Conditions: No freezing for 24 hours

Comments: Prepare driveway by filling holes and cracks. Let filler cure for 90 days before applying sealer! Prime stains. Wet driveway and sweep off puddles. Let thin coat set for 1 hour then apply second coat. There must be no rain or extreme temperatures for 24 hours after application. Product requires 3 hours of sunlight for cure (UV exposure) -- 24h of clouds is not good enough. Weather limitations on most renovation products can be located on the WEATHER tab above.

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## APPLICATION / INSTALLATION DETAILS

Sealers for asphalt driveways can give a new appearance to a driveway but at the same time initiate a maintenance cycle of re-sealing every few years.

One of the preparation requirements for all driveway coatings is to clean the surface first so I would recommend starting with one non-solvent bio-degradable oil cleaner that works wonders on asphalt as well as concrete and paving stones -- OIL-LIFT. You may decide that it comes clean enough that you don't want to apply a sealer at all.

Prior to applying a sealer you must repair any cracks. Click here for information on [CRACK SEALER FOR ASPHALT DRIVEWAYS](#).

One important detail is that most acrylic sealers (the best quality available) require up to 90 days cure time for the crack fillers before applying the sealer over the top -- so plan your project early in the summer or you may run out of good weather before getting to the sealer.

Another interesting detail is that asphalt driveway sealers actually need 3 hours of UV exposure to cure -- so simply waiting 24 hours is not good enough if the sun didn't shine for at least 3 hours. Keep the cars off until you get both 24 hours of the product on the ground and 3 hours of sunshine on the product -- or even more if required by a particular product.

Car tires are hot and heavy and can easily damage what looks like a nice finish.

For details on using sealers see [DRIVEWAY SEALERS](#).

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